

**Approval of April 3, 2003 Minutes**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ATTACHMENT #3.1.1**  
**Thursday, May 1, 2003**

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**NO. 441**

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**April 3, 2003**

**MINUTES**

**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at SCAG Offices downtown offices. The meeting was called to order by President Hal Bernson, City of Los Angeles.

**Members Present**

Councilmember Hal Bernson, Los Angeles, President	District 59
Supervisor Charles Smith, Orange County 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	
Supervisor Bob Buster, Riverside County	
Supervisor Judy Mikels, Ventura County	
Supervisor Yvonne Burke, Los Angeles County	
Councilmember Jo Shields, Brawley	District 1
Councilmember Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Councilmember Charles White, Moreno	District 3
Mayor Ron Roberts, Temecula	District 5
Councilmember Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace	District 6
Councilmember Susan Longville, San Bernardino	District 7
Mayor Bill Alexander, Rancho Cucamonga	District 9
Councilmember Cathryn De Young, Laguna Nigel	District 12
Mayor Richard Dixon, Lake Forest	District 13
Councilmember Lou Bone, Tustin	District 17
Councilmember Tod Ridgeway, Newport Beach	District 14
Councilmember Alta Duke, La Palma	District 18
Councilmember Ron Bates, Los Alamitos	District 20
Councilmember Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Councilmember Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Councilmember George Bass, Bell	District 27
Councilmember Tonia Reyes-Uranga, Long Beach	District 30
Mayor Pro Tem Bea Proo, Pico Rivera	District 31
Councilmember Dick Stanford, Azusa	District 33

### **Members Present – Cont'd**

Councilmember Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel	District 35
Councilmember Sid Tyler, Pasadena	District 36
Councilmember Tom Sykes, Walnut	District 37
Councilmember Karen Rosenthal, Claremont	District 38
Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Jacobs, El Segundo	District 40
Councilmember Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Councilmember Mike Dispenza, Palmdale	District 43
Mayor Toni Young, Port Hueneme	District 45
Councilmember Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Councilmember Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura	District 47
Councilmember Ruth Galanter, Los Angeles	District 58
Councilmember Jeff Miller, Corona	District 63
Mayor Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach	District 64
Councilmember Robin Lowe, Hemet	RCTC

### **Members Not Present**

Super visor Zev Yaroslavsky	County of LA
Mayor Ron Loveridge, Riverside	District 4
Councilmember Deborah Robertson	District 8
Councilmember Gary Ovitt	District 10
Mayor Lawrence Dale	District 11
Mayor Bev Perry, Brea	District 22
Councilmember Keith McCarthy	District 25
Councilmember Melanie Andrews	District 26
Councilmember Judy Dunlap	District 28
Councilmember Bonnie Lowenthal	District 29
Councilmember Robert Bruesch	District 32
Councilmember Bob Yousefian	District 42
Councilmember Ed Reyes, Los Angeles	District 48
Councilmember Wendy Greuel, Los Angeles	District 49
Councilmember Dennis Zine, Los Angeles	District 50
Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles	District 51
Councilmember Jack Weiss, Los Angeles	District 52
Councilmember Alex Padilla, Los Angeles	District 54
Councilmember Jan Perry, Los Angeles	District 56
Councilmember Nate Holden, Los Angeles	District 57
Councilmember Cindy Miscikowski, Los Angeles	District 58
Councilmember Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles	District 60
Councilmember Nick Pacheco, Los Angeles	District 61
Councilmember Janice Hahn, Los Angeles	District 62

Mayor James Hahn, Los Angeles  
Mayor Bill Davis, Simi Valley

At-Large  
VCTC

**Staff Present**

Mark Pisano, Executive Director  
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director  
Colin Lennard, General Counsel  
Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel  
Bert Becker, Chief Financial Officer  
John Cox, Director, Planning & Assessment  
Hasan Ikrata, Acting Director, Planning & Policy  
Jim Sims, Director, Information Services  
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

**1.0     CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Councilmember Art Brown, City of Buena Park.

**2.0     PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no comments presented at this time.

**3.0     ACTION ITEMS**

**3.1     Approval Items**

The consent calendar was MOVED (Brown), SECONDED (Mikels) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED with the exception of the contract for ESA, Contract Amendment for Aerial Information Systems as well as the software license renewal for Thomas Brothers which were pulled from the agenda.

**3.1.1   Approve Minutes of March 6, 2003**

**3.1.2   Approval of Contracts**

- Environmental Science Associate (ESA) - **(Pulled)**
- Judith Norman - Transportation Consultant
- Consultant for Gov't Affairs & Lobbying  
Services at the State Capitol - Bauer Gov't Relations

It was noted that Councilmember Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica was not in attendance during the contract discussions.

Contract Amendment

- Aerial Information Systems (Pulled)

Software License Renewal

- Thomas Brothers (Pulled)

**3.2 Receive & File**

3.2.1 Conflict of Interest Listing

3.2.2 Contracts & P.O. between \$5000 - \$25,000

- Platinum DB Consulting

Purchase Orders

- AMPO Membership Dues
- Boise cascade Office Products
- NARC Membership Dues

**3.3 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

3.3.1 Appointments

**District Election Results**

District # 1 Hon. Jo Shields, Brawley (Re-elected)  
District # 23 Hon. Paul W. Bowlen, Cerritos (Newly elected)  
District # 25 Hon. Keith McCarthy, Downey (Re-elected)  
District # 27 Hon. Frank Gurule, Cudahy (Newly elected)  
District # 31 Hon. Bea Proo, Pico Rivera (Re-elected)  
District # 43 Hon. Mike Dispenza, Palmdale (Re-elected)

**Subregional Representatives to Policy Committees**

Representing North LA County:

TO EEC: Hon. Frank Roberts, Lancaster

**Representing Gateway Cities:**

To CEHD: Hon. Manuel Guillen, Paramount

## **TDA Task Force**

### **RC Members serving on LACTC:**

Hon. Hal Bernson, Los Angeles  
Hon. Yvonne Burke, LA Co  
Hon. James Hahn, Los Angeles  
Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica  
Hon. Bea Proo, Pico Rivera  
Hon. Zev Yaroslavsky, LA Co

### **RC Members serving on OCTA:**

Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park  
Hon. Cathryn DeYoung, Laguna Niguel  
Hon. Shirley McCracken, Anaheim  
Hon. Charles Smith, Orange Co.  
Hon. Bev Perry, Brea Alternate

### **RC Members serving on RCTC:**

Hon. Bob Buster, Riverside Co.  
Hon. Robin Lowe, Hemet / RCTC  
Hon. Jeff Miller, Corona  
Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City  
Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula

### **RC Members serving on SANBAG:**

Hon. Bill Alexander, Rancho Cucamonga  
Hon. Paul Biane, San Bern Co  
Hon. Lawrence Dale, Barstow  
Hon. Gary Ovitt, Ontario

### **RC Members serving on VCTC:**

Hon. Bill Davis, Simi Valley / VCTC, Alternate  
Hon. Judy Mikels, Ventura County, Alternate  
Hon. Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura, Alternate  
Hon. Toni Young, Port Hueneme, Alternate

## **3.4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mark Pisano gave a brief report on the following: (1) SCAG's Organizational Structure; (2) Status of Budget Amendment #2; and (3) Caltrans Audit. Mr. Pisano reported on the Transportation Development Act (TDA). He stated that one of the goals of the Long Range Strategic Plan was lifting the cap on the TDA funds. In keeping with this goal the Regional Council formally established a task force of elected officials to work with stakeholders on developing a mutually agreeable plan to lift the cap.

In addition he reported that Congressman Istook, Chair of the Transportation Subcommittee for the House Appropriations Committee will be visiting Southern California. His visit presents an opportunity to continue the work of the February trip of the Southern California Transportation Delegation to Washington, D.C. and members of the Delegation will be meeting with him at SCAG's offices to discuss and review the Southern California Consensus Program for TEA-3.

### **3.5 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Councilmember Bates, Chair, stated that the Nominating Committee met and recommended the following:

President - Bev Perry, Mayor, City of Brea  
1<sup>st</sup> V.P. - Chuck Smith, Supervisor, County of Orange  
2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. - Ron Roberts, Mayor, City of Temecula

It was MOVED (Bates), SECONDED (Brown) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve the Nominating Committee's recommendation.

## **4.0 ACTION ITEMS**

### **4.1 Administration Committee Report**

#### **4.1.1 Proposed Date, Location, and Budget for 2003 RC Retreat**

The Administration Committee recommended approval of the proposed date, location and budget for the 2003 Regional Retreat with the following conditions: (1) That associated costs be minimized; and (2) That a policy for future spending on events be developed.

#### **4.1.2 Proposed Changes to Conflict of Interest Policy**

The Administration Committee proposed that subparagraph of the conflict of interest be changed to read: "Any such consultant referred to above is also retained by the city council or County Board of Supervisors ~~other Board~~ to which the elected official is a member of".

Several Regional Council expressed concerns regarding the policy and recommended that the language be refined and brought back for consideration at the May meeting.

It was MOVED (Mikels), SECONDED (Dixon) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to bring the item back.

4.2 **Transportation & Communications Committee (TCC) Report**

4.2.1 **Draft 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Financial Forecasts**

Mayor Roberts, Chair, reported that the SCAG Region's financial plan for the Draft 2004 RTP has been updated to reflect more recent changes in assumptions. The updated revenue estimates included in the forecast are from existing local, state and federal sources. Additionally, the forecast includes gas tax subvention revenues, new revenues from Proposition 42, and revenues from the extension of the local sales tax in Riverside County. It was noted that remaining regional funding strategies included in the 2001 RTP are not included in this baseline revenue forecast, these strategies will be addressed at a later time.

The TCC recommended approving the working Draft Baseline Financial Forecast for the 2004 RTP.

It was MOVED (Roberts), SECONDED (Garcia) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve the TCC's recommendation.

4.3 **Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) Report**

No report presented at this time.

4.4 **Community, Economic & Human Development (CEHD)**

4.4.1 **Venture Capital Investment in the SCAG Region**

Mayor Alexander, Chair, stated that as part of the Jobs/Housing Balance Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2001-02, SCAG staff collected, mapped, and analyzed data on venture capital investments in high technology companies within the SCAG region. This 2001 year-end report shows that venture capital investment activity curtailed in the region, state, and nation in 2001, compared to 2000 and 1999. The report analyzes the location of the investments, showing that there are five distinct investment nodes in the region: West Los Angeles, Irvine/South Orange County, the Conejo Corridor, Pasadena, and the South Bay of Los Angeles County.

The CEHD recommended that the Regional Council receive & file the report as presented.

It was MOVED (Alexander), SECONDED (Brown) and  
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to receive & file the report.

#### **4.5     Communications Task Force Report**

Councilmember Proo, Chair, stated that the task force met on April 1, and received a status report on the following: (1) Staff's progress report on the implementation of the Communication Strategy; (2) Presentations made to the subregions on the State of the Region; (4) Development of an Event Planning Manual that will serve as a comprehensive guide to planning successful special events and conferences.

Councilmember Becerra reported that the Regional Policy Fact Sheets on a variety of programs have been developed. Regional Council volunteers should have received their first set to share with their colleagues. It was also reported that the legislative outreach continues including 2 successful trips to Washington DC and a soon planned trip to Sacramento.

Five nominations were received for the Donald G. Hagman Award for Regional Citizen of the Year. Mr. Larry Sharp, President and CEO of the Arrowhead Credit Union (ACU) was selected, Mr. Sharp is actively engaged in public service and has worked with a wide range of community organizations including: Inland Empire Small Business Development Corp., Cal State Business Partners, Casa Blanca Learning Center Riverside, Inland Empire African American Chamber of Commerce, Adopt a School, and many more.

#### **5.0     INFORMATION ITEMS**

##### **5.1     Monthly Financial Report**

Bert Becker, CFO, stated that the monthly financial report contains data related to SCAG's cash flow, as well as budget and expense data for the first eight months of FY 2002-2003.

#### **6.0     FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Judy Mikels felt that due to the budget crisis SCAG meetings should be limited to 9 or 10 each year. If the agenda do not contain a numerous about of actions item - it should probably be canceled. Policy committees and subregional meetings are also included. In addition stipend suspension should be considered as an option at a later date.
- Dennis Washburn requested to have a discussion on the 101 Corridor Project. The item will be sent to the TCC in May.

## **7.0 LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

### **7.1 Closed Session**

Colin Lennard, General Counsel, announced that Regional Council should convene into closed session pursuant to California Government Section §54956.9(a) SCAG v. HCD & BT&H.

It was MOVED (Brown), SECONDED (Bates) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to enter into closed session.

- SCAG v. HCD & BT&H  
Conference with Legal Counsel - existing litigation to be heard in closed session in pursuant to California Government Code Section §54956.9(a)

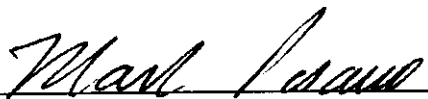
The Regional Council reconvened at 1:55 p.m. It was reported that there was no action taken under closed session.

## **8.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Mikels asked for volunteers on the Strategic Planning Committee and encouraged member participation

## **9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is scheduled in conjunction with the 2003 General Assembly on Thursday, May 1, 2003 at SCAG Offices

  
Mark Pisano, Executive Director